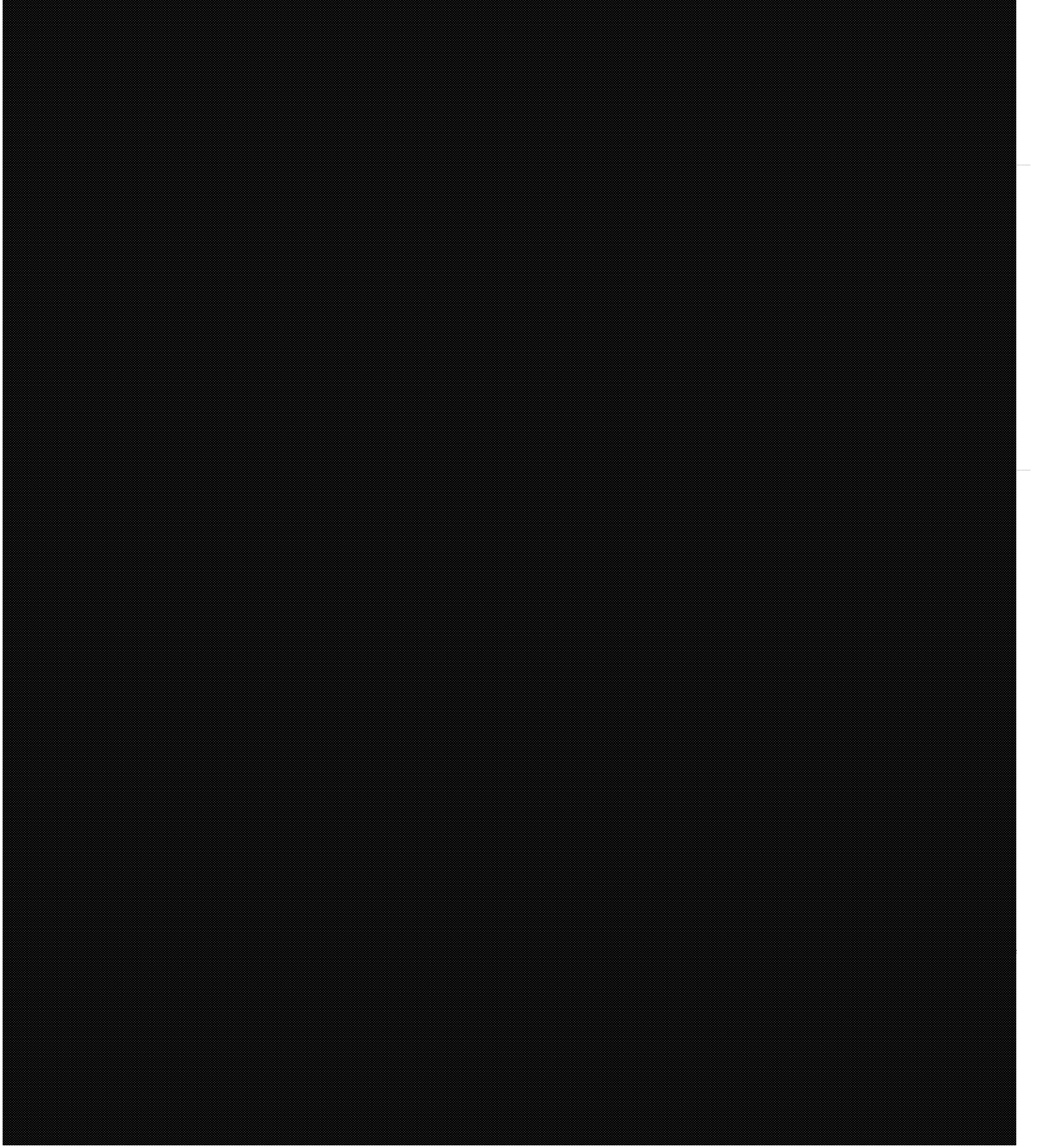




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Good evening Lynne,

On February 15th I met with the Ottawa Police Services Board in camera. Board Solicitors Glen Christie and David White were also in attendance.

Chair Deans announced that the Chief (Sloly) had resigned from the Service and that she was in talks with another person to take the role of Chief on an interim basis. Chair Deans stated that she knew Matt Torigian from his work with Strategy Corp. Strategy Corp is working with the board currently. Chair Deans stated that Matt Torigian had tentatively agreed to take the role and asked if the advisor (me) thought that was a good idea. I stated that I could not endorse any person for the role, but that the board needs to have a chief in place asap because Chief Sloly's agreement expired at the end of the day. I stated clearly to the board that they are prohibited from not having a chief in place and should take steps to appoint a Chief of police as soon as possible.

With the help of their Solicitor, Glen Christie, the board ~~and~~ listed names of people they wanted to call to ask if they would consider being Chief. At no time did I name or endorse any person on the board's list. As a result of the discussion, the board devised a list of 5 people they wanted to contact including:

1. Julian Fantino
2. Mike Fredrico
3. Jennifer Evans
4. Chris Lewis
5. Eric Jolliffe

The Chair then questioned the need to contact other persons because she had a tentative agreement in place with Matt Torigian. Board members stated that they felt more comfortable contacting others to demonstrate that due diligence had been done.

The Chair then asked ~~the~~ me for contact information for the persons on the list based on an assumption that I would be able to provide phone numbers. In the spirit of good will, I agreed to assist the board in locating contact information for the persons on the list to the best of my ability. No contact information could be found for Julian Fantino so none was provided. The Chair asked the me to provide the contact information to the HR committee of the board. The attached email is the email returned to the HR committee per the instructions of the Chair. At no time was anyone on the list endorsed by me.

You will also recall that Chair Deans stated tonight that the "advisor stated that the board was doing an awesome Job". This is factually inaccurate. I exclaimed 'awesome' after Chair Deans told me that Deputy Steve Bell had agreed to be the interim Chief of the OPS. I stated that the board had complied with their duty under the act and avoided being non-compliant with the Police Services Act. In that statement, I used the word 'awesome' as a word of encouragement and affirmation after being told that a Chief [A/Chief Bell] was formally in place.

Finally, the Board Chair, in her address to Council stated that she "had spoken to the Advisor with the Ministry of the Solicitor General and confirmed that Council will no longer be able to un-appoint or revoke appointments". This is factually inaccurate. I spoke to Chair Deans this evening and was asked if there was anything in the Community Safety and Policing Act that precluded council from removing members of the board. I stated that section 31(8) of the CSPA places some limitations on Council's ability to reduce the size of the total board for the purpose of removing select members, however it will continue to be councils prerogative to appoint or revoke appointments of those members under their scope. The advisors comments were misused and taken out of context by the Chair.

Best regards,

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